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Group Art Unit: 3687

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For: SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
IMPLEMENTING PROCESSES RELATING TO RETAIL SALES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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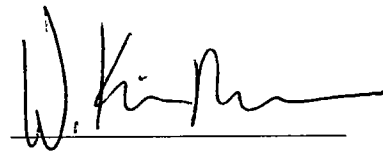
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- ☐ 11. In accordance with the September 21, 2004 Commissioner's Notice, copies of pending U.S. patent applications filed on or after June 30, 2003, or entering the U.S. National Stage after June 30, 2003, are not attached.
- ☐ 12. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 13. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☐ 14. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference _____.
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- ☐ 17. Other.

Respectfully submitted,

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